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The following document is cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Takada et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,973,833,
issued November 27, 1990.

Applicant also wishes to bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent
Application (A) 3-192764 (MINOLTA CAMERA
KABUSHIKI KAISHA), published August 22, 1991;
and

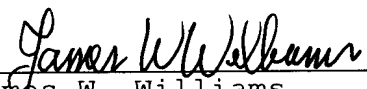
- (3) Miyatake et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,241,575,
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Document (3) is a U.S. counterpart of document (2).

Applicant considers the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

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